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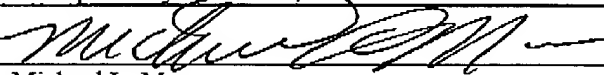
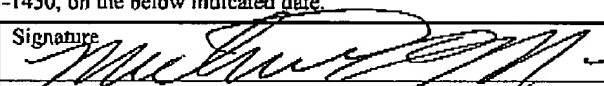
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Introductory Comments

This response is being submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 3, 2004.

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